

Governor's Commission On Government Reform, Efficiency, and Performance

Minutes of Meeting held on November 5th, 2015

12:00PM

Office of the Governor, Governor's Conference Room

Commission Members Present: Co-Chair John Shiely, Co-Chair Scott Neitzel, Mr. Bob Ziegelbauer, Secretary Dave Ross, Mr. Ara Cherchian, Senator Howard Marklein, Senator Janis Ringhand, Mrs. Linda Seemeyer, Mr. Michael Heifetz, and Mr. Robin Gates

Excused: Representative Adam Jarchow, Secretary Richard Chandler

1. Co-Chair Neitzel called the meeting to order at 12:00PM and welcomed all commission members to the meeting, then thanked commission members for their participation. He then asked for introductions and specific information on member backgrounds that brought them to be commission members.
2. Introductions were given.
3. The Commission stood informal waiting for the Governor's arrival.
4. Co-Chair Shiely formally thanked the commission members for participating and gave introductory remarks.
5. Governor Walker arrived and formally thanked commission members and co-chairs for their participation and gave introductory comments.
6. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced Dr. Carmine Scavo from East Carolina University in Greensboro, NC. Dr. Scavo gave his testimony regarding his presentation on the "Measuring Effectiveness of Government Streaming Commissions" through Mercatus Center at George Mason University.
7. Commission coordinator Waylon Hurlburt asked for specific questions commissions Members had for Dr. Scavo and his reform ideas.
 - Robin Gates wanted to know Dr. Scavo's top two recommendations for the Commission, and key pitfalls he experienced in his reform.
 - Co-Chair Neitzel asked for Dr. Scavo's top three suggested initiatives for reform.
 - Senator Marklein gave a comment about the failures in other states included in the presentation.
8. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced Assistant Legal Counsel David Rabe.
9. David Rabe introduced his presentation "Your legal duties: Ethics, Public Records, and Performance".
10. David Rabe called for any specific questions from the group regarding different ethics laws regarding their participation in the commission.
 - John Shiely asked if his binder was considered a public record, and needed to be returned to Governor's Office.
 - David Rabe mentioned that this is not considered a public record, but rather a duplicate record, because the originals were retained by both himself and Waylon Hurlburt in the Office of the Governor.

- Bob Ziegelbauer asked if he would be able to send personal emails to other Commission Members, and if his personal email was considered a public record.
- David Rabe responded by telling him that only commission related items were considered a public record.
- Michael Heifetz mentioned that any outside advice or recommendations coming from specific agencies are considered a public record, and would be treated as such by the government officials on this board.

11. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced Michael Heifetz.

12. Michael Heifetz introduced his presentation “State Government Finances”.

13. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced commission coordinator Waylon Hurlburt.

14. Commission coordinator Waylon Hurlburt reviewed the Executive Order.

- Co-Chair Neitzel gave background information on the STAR utilization tool, mentioning that they had implemented this on October 1st, and there will be another implementation in December and third with the Department of Transportation later on. His vision for the reform was that they could pick out important information within that data to make government more efficient.
- Commission coordinator Waylon Hurlburt responded to Bob Ziegelbauer’s question regarding the formation of working groups in the Commission, and what that would involve. The working group cannot reach 50% of the commission members; however if a member believes they could benefit one or more of the topics involved in the commission, they can join the working group and help present that to the commission.

15. Co-Chair Neitzel adjourns the first meeting.